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An Editorial Peace Society.

An in support of the peace movement has just been made in Hawaii. The following cutting from the January number of the Friend, of Honolulu, a paper which for many years has been actively interested in peace work, will best set forth what has been done by that journal:

"In the absence of any acknowledged headquarters of the World Peace Movement in Honolulu, the *Friend* Editorial Board, following in the line of its historic attitude toward the cause of peace, constituted itself, on the 29th of November, 1911, a peace society.

"Its purpose in so doing was to definitely ally itself with the peace forces of the world, and to serve as a voluntary bureau of communication, giving such aid as it can to the promotion of peace sentiment.

"It is pleasing to note that there are some who desire the formation of a large peace society for the city of Honolulu, and a request has come to us to join in such an organization.

"The members of the *Friend* Editorial Board are busy men, full of engagements, and while at their regular meetings they gladly give the extra time demanded for the cause of peace, they cannot undertake the burden and responsibility of organizing a general peace society for the city. Should any such society be organized, however, the *Friend* Editorial Board will dissolve its peace society in favor of the wider organization and its members will individually coöperate with it in the cause of world peace."

We urge the friends of peace in Honolulu to take up the challenge thus made to them, and immediately organize a Hawaiian Peace Society, as a branch of the American Peace Society, which is now federating in its organization the peace societies of the United States.

By the time this paper reaches our **New Branch** readers new branches of the American Societies. Peace Society will have been organized and started at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at Manchester, New Hampshire, and a few days later at Portland, Maine. The New Hampshire Society has as its sponsors men and women of high standing in the State. President Nichols, of Dartmouth College, has been selected for president of the New Hampshire Society. The final meeting for the completion of the organization occurs on February 1st. At the public meeting in connection therewith, Prof. John K. Lord, of Dartmouth; Edwin D. Mead, director of the World Peace Foundation, and Dr. James L. Tryon, director of the New England Department of the American Peace Society, are the speakers. The Nebraska branch is to complete its organization on February 5th. More than two hundred prominent citizens of the State have given their names in advance for membership. The public meeting held in connection with the organization will be addressed by Rabbi Hirsch, of Chicago; Rev. Charles E. Beals, Field Secretary of the American Peace Society, and by one or two strong local speakers. The Maine branch will complete its organization on February 14th. President Hyde, of Bowdoin College, has been selected for president of the Maine Society. Dr. Tryon, through whose earnest efforts for several months the two new branches in New England have been effectuated, has also begun work for the creation of a Rhode Island branch at Providence. We expect to be able before long to announce the Rhode Island Branch Society.

What the Peace Organizations Are Doing.

Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, secretary of the American School Peace League (Boston, Mass.), just home from an extended trip in Europe, reports that the outlook for peace work in the European schools is most encouraging. In England, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Switzerland definite steps have already been taken for educational coöperation in peace work similar to that which the School Peace League is doing in the United States.

The British Group of the Interparliamentary Union recently presented to the House of Commons a bronze bust of the late Sir William Randal Cremer, founder of the union and for more than twenty years a member of Parliament. Lord Weardale, in presenting the bust, explained that it was ultimately intended to be placed in the Peace Palace at The Hague, but that the friends of Sir Randal would think it a special honor if it were allowed to remain for a time in the House of Commons. The Speaker of the House, on accepting the bust in the Library, said that it was a happy circumstance that they should be permitted to receive, even for a short time, the bust of one who had played such a prominent part in British politics, and more particularly in the world politics of the time, by his labors through the Interparliamentary Union.

The Connecticut Peace Society (Hartford, Connecticut) sent last month a strong petition to the President of the United States, urging him to use all possible good offices of the United States, under the provisions of the Hague Convention, to bring about a speedy close of the war between Italy and Turkey. A resolution was also sent to the Senate urging the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties without amendment.

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, of Boston, one of the vicepresidents of the American Peace Society, recently made an extended lecture tour through the Southwest, particularly in Texas. She gave two addresses at Baylor University, Waco, Texas; one address at Austin University; one at the Southern Teachers' Association at Houston; one before a group of clubs, and one at a mass meeting in New Orleans. She also spoke to two high schools and an academy in New Orleans, and gave an address at the Goodwyn Institute in Memphis. In this trip she gave particular attention to the pending arbitration treaties and met a number of newspaper men, and wrote articles for several papers.

In the nation-wide campaign for the ratification of the arbitration treaties between this country and Great Britain and France, the World Peace Foundation at Boston has received strong resolutions endorsing the treaties from nearly two hundred boards of trade and chambers of commerce. The cities which these business organizations represent have a combined population of twenty-one millions. The names of these organizations, together with the population of their cities, are given in a valuable pamphlet recently published by the World Peace Foundation, at 29A Beacon street, Boston.

Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, of Milton, Mass., a vice-president of the American Peace Society and formerly on its board of directors, and prominent in the councils of the new Massachusetts Peace Society, held at her home recently a most valuable meeting at which enthusiastic endorsement of the pending treaties of arbitration was manifested. Two hundred guests were present. The speakers were Hon. Joseph Walker, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Rev. Edward Cummings, pastor of the South Congregational Church, Boston, and Edwin D. Mead, director of the World Peace Foundation. Mrs. Forbes' fine example might well be followed by influential women in every community.

The World Peace Foundation, 29A Beacon street, Boston, Massachusetts, announces that it is issuing a title page and table of contents, so that its publications, printed in the last two years, can easily be collected and bound by libraries and pacifists.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the Peace and Arbitration Department of the National W. C. T. U. has just reached our table. The superintendent, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, of Winthrop Centre, Maine, takes a very optimistic view of the prospects of the final establishment of world-peace, judging by the enormous progress which the cause has made in recent years. The report contains accounts of steady, faithful work done by the superintendents in more than twenty States where the department has organizations. The whole force of the department throughout the nation has been brought to bear upon the Senate in favor of the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties.

A great campaign in favor of the ratification of the arbitration treaties has been carried on in Massachusetts under the lead of Dr. James L. Tryon, secretary of the Massachusetts Peace Society. Petitions signed by from five to ten thousand persons have been forwarded to the Senate through Senator Crane, who is heartily in favor of the treaties. These petitions have been signed by many of the foremost public men of the State, including jurists, prominent business men, presidents of colleges, clergymen, etc. The Massachusetts Peace Society will keep up its efforts until the votes in the Senate are actually counted.

Peace Brevities.

- ... The Japan Society of New York, which holds its annual meeting this month, has arranged an important program of work, including lectures, exhibitions, prizes, etc., all with the view of interpreting Japan and its people to our citizens and promoting good understanding and continued cordial relations between that country and this. Copies of the program may be had by addressing the secretary, Mr. Eugene C. Worden, at 165 Broadway, New York.
- ... The New Seattle Chamber of Commerce, in adopting resolutions strongly favoring the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties, and urging the Senators from the State of Washington to vote for them, declared that no nation ever set its hand to a nobler work. It is in keeping with the highest ideals and worthy of the best traditions of the Republic, and in this great work the Government deserves and should receive the earnest support of every man and woman of the United States.
- . . . A "Hymn for Universal Peace" has been written and set to music by Evelyn Leeds-Cole, of Michigan City, Indiana. It has been pronounced very good by some who have examined it. Any one wishing to see a copy, may procure one of H. R. Eisenbrandt Sons, Charles and Lexington streets, Baltimore, Md. The price is 20 cents per copy.
- . . . The California Section of the Humane Press Bureau, at Palo Alto, under the direction of Mrs. Alice L. Park, is doing excellent practical peace work by putting peace paragraphs into the press sheets which are sent out regularly to the newspapers of the Western States.
- . . . The Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs, representing about two thousand women, has voted to "urge upon the honorable members of the Senate such sympathetic action in regard to the general arbitration treaties now before them as will assure the speedy ratification and enactment into law of the great principles of peace which they involve." Thousand of women's organizations throughout the nation are doing the same thing, and we cannot possibly chronicle a hundredth part of them.
- The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has responded loyally to the appeal of the Citizen's National Committee, and through its "Commission on Peace and Arbitration" has brought immense influence from multitudes of churches to bear upon the Senate in favor of the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties. To chronicle the names of the thousands of churches which have sent in memorials and resolutions, and to give the texts of their petitions, would probably require several times the entire space of the Advocate of Peace.
- ... At the recent State Convention of the Colorado Woman's Christian Temperance Union the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That we reaffirm our belief in the establishment of the proposed International Court of Arbitral Justice;

"Resolved, That we urge our women everywhere to petition the Senate of the United States to ratify the treaties now pending between the United States and Great Britain and France;